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THE  
SPEECH

OF

Sr. EDWARD TURNER Kt.

*Speaker of the honourable House  
of Commons, to the KING'S  
most excellent Majesty, delive-  
red on Fryday the twentieth day of  
December, 1661.*

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Printed for JOHN WILLIAMS at the sign of the *Crown*  
in St. Paul's Church-yard. 1661.

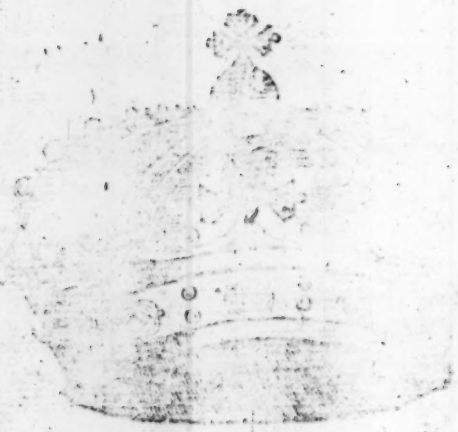
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*May it please your most excellent Majesty,*



In the last time the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesles of the Commons House of Parliament had the honour to waite upon you in this place, your Majestic was graciously pleased to congratulate with them for the glorious meeting of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons of *England*, in this your full, free, and legal Parliament.

Great Sir, it is our present comfort, and will be our future glory, that God hath made us instrumental for the repairs of those breaches, which the worst of times had made upon the best of Governments. The late great *Eclipse* in our *Horizon*, occasioned by the interposition of the earth, is now vanished; the stars in our *Firmament* are now full of light; the light of our Moon is become like the light of the Sun; and the light of our Sun is sevenfold.

A man that sees the River of *Thames* at a high water, & observes how much it sinks in a few hours, would think it running quite away, but by the secret providence of God, we see that when the ebbe is at the lowest, the tyde of a rising water is nearest the return.

Your Majestie was likewise graciously pleased to speak something to us on Your own behalf; and did vouchsafe to say you would ask something for your self; withall, declaring some uneasinesse in your condition, by reason of some crying debts which daily called for satisfaction.

Great Sir I am not able to expresse, at the hearing of those words, with what a sympathy the whole body of the Parliament was presently affected; The circulation of the blood, of which our late naturalists do tell us, was never so sensibly demonstrated, as by this experiment; before your Majesties words were all fallen from your lips, you might have seen us blush; all our blood came into our faces, from thence it halted down without obstruction to every part of the body, and after a due consulting of the several parts, it was found necessary to breathe a vein.



We cannot forget how much our Treasure hath been exhausted, but we remember also; 'twas by Usurping and Tyrannical powers; and therefore we are easily persuaded to be at some more expence to keep them out.

The Merchant tels us, 'tis good pollicy in a troubled Sea to lose some part of our *Cargoe*, thereby to save the rest.

With Your Majesty's leave, we have been bold to look into the present state of affairs, and find those great sums that have been heretofore advanced upon us, were raised most of them in bad Times, and for ill purposes, to keep Your Majesty out of this Your Native Kingdom: And when Your Majesty returned home from Your long banishment, you found the Naval Store-house unfurnish'd, which will not easily be supplied: The unsettled humors, and unquiet Spirits that are yet amongst us, do necessitate a Costly Guard for your Royal Person: The honorable Accessions of *Dunkirk*, *Tangier* and *Jamaica* do at present  
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require a great supply ; but we have reason  
to believe, in time to come, will repay this  
Nation their Principal with good Interest.

Your Majesty hath sent a Royal Fleet  
upon an happy Errand, to bring your Royal  
Consort hither ; and is there any English  
man will stick to pay the wages of those Mar-  
riners, whose ships do bring so good a  
Freight ?

Upon all these Considerations your  
Loyal C O M M O N S, were in pain until, like  
prudent and good Husbands, they had re-  
deem'd the Nation from all its publick Debts.  
And that your Majesty may at once have a  
full measure of their Duty and Affection to  
your self : And that your Neighbours a-  
broad, as well as the discontented Common  
wealths-men, with all their complicated In-  
terests here at home, may see the happy cor-  
respondence that is between our Head and  
all the Members of this Body Politick : We  
have cheerfully and unanimously given  
your Majesty £200000 l. which Sum we de-  
fire may be levied in 18 months, by six  
quarterly

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quarterly Payments, after the rate of 70000 l.  
*per mensem*, to begin the five and twentieth  
of this present *December*. In order whereun-  
to we humbly pray your Majesty's Royal  
Assent unto this Bill.

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**I** Do appoint JOHN WILLIAMS to Print  
my SPEECH, and that none else pre-  
sume to Print it without my Order.

ED. TURNER.

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quarterly payment, and the most good  
for me, to begin the first and second  
of this present December. In order whereof  
to we humbly pray your Majesty's Royal  
Assent unto this Bill.

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ED. PURVEY.

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